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Some of the world's most acclaimed percussionists, including Lawrence University's own Dane Richeson, will perform June 26-July 9 during the two-week-long Zeltsman Marimba Festival held on the Lawrence campus.

The brainchild of Nancy Zeltsman, chair of the percussion department at the Boston Conservatory and associate professor at Berklee College of Music, the festival is one of the largest of its kind in the world. This year's, the 10<sup>th</sup> in the festival's history, includes nine public concerts, featuring performances by world-class musicians on marimba and vibraphone.

"The number of guest artists and participants from around the world makes this event a cornucopia of musical delight," said Richeson, professor of music at Lawrence and one of this year's festival faculty members. "The concerts are theme based and will feature several guest artists on a single program, a rare opportunity to see the marimba played by different virtuosos in a single concert."

Richeson will be among 10 performers from 10 countries showcased in the festival's opening concert, Sunday, June 26 at 8 p.m. in the Lawrence Memorial Chapel.

Also scheduled to perform during the festival is Mike Truesdell, a 2007 Lawrence graduate, a second-prize recipient from among 95 initial candidates at the 2010 TROMP International Percussion Competition conducted last November in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.